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THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

FIRST ASSEMBLY.

FIFTH SESSION.

Wednesday the 22nd May 1935/8th Edavam 1110.

The Assembly met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven of the clock, the President presiding.

NEW MEMBERS SWORN IN.

The following new members took the oath and signed the Rolls :—

1. Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan.
2. ,, K. George.
3. Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai.
4. Mr. C. S. Krishnasvami Aiyar.
5. ,, C. O. Madhavan.
6. ,, N. K. Padmanabha Pillai.
7. ,, Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai.
8. ,, K. Paramesvaran Pillai.
9. ,, G. B. E. Truscott.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Training of Vernacular School Teachers.

1. ✱ **Mr. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the principles adopted for selecting teachers in Vernacular Schools for undergoing training ;

(*b*) whether, in forwarding the names of untrained teachers who should be given training, the names of those who are above thirty-five are excluded ; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the reason for the same ?

Mr. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) Teachers from Departmental Vernacular Schools are selected for training according to seniority in service. In the case of private schools the selection is made taking into consideration the number of trained teachers on the staff of the schools, preference being shown to those schools which have the least number of trained teachers on their staff as also those situated in backward areas. Depressed class candidates are given preference to others.

(*b*) No ; but in the case of those who are over thirty-five years of age, the sanction of the Director must be obtained previous to admission.

(*c*) In view of the first part of the answer to (*b*), this does not rise

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know why a distinction is made with regard to teachers who are above 35 years of age?

MR. C.V. CHANDRASEKHARAAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): Teachers who are above 35 years of age would ordinarily have 10 to 15 years of teaching experience: and so it was considered doubtful whether such teachers would profit by training and whether training was necessary for them.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Am I to understand that such teachers are usually exempted from undergoing training without being in any way disqualified for the promotions usually given to trained teachers?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): The question of giving exemptions to them is under consideration.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know the reasons that weigh with the Director in the selection, for training, of tachers above 35?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): I was just explaining, Sir, that teachers above 35 may not need trainining and may be too old to profit by training.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*). In the answer it is stated that special permission of the Director is necessary; I want to know from the Director the reasons that weigh with him in giving admission to the Training College, for teachers who are above 35.

MR. C.V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): Circumstances alter cases. There may be special cases in which even teachers who are above 35 may have to be given training; there may be other cases in which younger teachers may have to be given preference. The Director therefore reserves to himself some discretion in the matter.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know whether qualified persons, who are not teachers either in Government schools or in private schools, are admitted in the Training College or in the training schools?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): Yes; there are a few seats reserved for non-stipendiaries in the Training College.

Promotions of Grant-in-aid Vaidyans.

2. ✱ **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state the general principles adopted by them in giving grade promotions to grant-in-aid *Vaidiyans*?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer furnished to part (*b*) of question No. 175 asked at the meeting of the Sri Mulam Assembly held on the 19th Karkatakam 1109/3rd August 1934 (vide page 602 of the Assembly Proceedings. Vol. III—No. 8).

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